

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING February 14, 2008**

At 6:05 P.M. Chairwoman Deborah Gordon called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Committee Members Attending:

Deborah Gordon, Chair (C/CAG Member - Town of Woodside)
Thomas Kasten (C/CAG Member – Town of Hillsborough)
Irene O’Connell, Vice Chair (C/CAG Member – City of San Bruno)
Rosalie O’Mahony (C/CAG Member - City of Burlingame)

Guests or Staff Attending:

David Burruto (Staff from Senator Yee’s Office)
Sepi Richardson (C/CAG Member - City of Brisbane)
Judith Christensen (C/CAG Member – City of Daly City)
Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director)
Brian Moura (Assistant City Manager -San Carlos)
Brian C. Lee (DPW Deputy Director County of San Mateo)
Jim Bigelow (Redwood City Chambers of Commerce)
Jerry Grace (Public)
Diana Shu, (C/CAG Staff)

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

2. Approval of minutes from October 14, 2007.

Quorum: minimum 5 voting members present (There were only 4 members present but committee members agreed to move on the action items and let Staff take it to the C/CAG board for final resolution.)

Motion: Defer approval of minutes of December 13, 2007 minutes until we have a quorum.

3. Presentation from C/CAG’s Lobbyist in Sacramento

- a. Chuck Cole (absent) due to commitment on SB3X-5 – Streets and Highway Bill
This bill would insure that local jurisdictions would be repaid the amount withheld due to cashflow problems during the months of April to August by September of 2008. Without the passing of this bill, the state could delay repayment for up to three years.

- b. Joe Simitian was stripped of Chairmanship of the environmental Policy Committee by Senate Leader Don Perata over issues over Prop 98 funding. (Simitian was later reinstated but lost his committee membership on the budget committee.)
- c. David Burruto was gracious enough to step in for Chuck Cole to update Legislative Committee Members on the status of the state budget hearings:
 - (i) Actual revenues continue to fall short of expectations
 - (ii) Both revenue increases and expenditure reductions are being discussed by the legislators for most programs
 - (iii) There will be a change in leadership this fall with Steinberg (D-Sacramento) as the new Senate Pro Tem in August. It is very likely that a delegate in Southern California will be chosen to lead the Assembly.
 - (iv) Senator Yee is working with the PUC on the net metering bill.
 - (v) Tom Kasten asked if there was any chance of reinstating the Vehicle License Fee (VLF), David replied that it was unlikely that this Governor would approve a reinstatement of the VLF fees.

4. Legislative Priorities – Update on the Reauthorization of AB 1546

Information only – SB 613 a ten year extension of the \$4 Motor Vehicle Fee bill (AB 1546) was vetoed in Fall of 007. A new bill number SB 348 has been assigned to replace SB 613 with a four year extension. Staff has been waiting for the bill to be amended.

SB 348 is now scheduled to cross the desk from Simitian's office to the Legislative Counsel on Friday February 16, 2008. Staff requests that all letters of support be sent to Simitian's office and copied to Richard Napier.

5. Proposition 99 and Proposition 98 on the June 2008 Ballot – Eminent Domain Initiatives

For information only

Proposition 99 – sponsored by the League of Cities will amend the state constitution to prohibit taking of owner-occupied homes for conveyance to a private party.

Proposition 98 – sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association will amend the state constitution to prohibit taking of any property for conveyance to a private party. However, it also impacts rent control, eliminate tenant protection laws, increase costs to public works projects, restricts environmental and land use regulations, and prohibits use of eminent domain to acquire land for water projects.

Judith Christensen, stated that neither ballot measures protect renters during an eminent domain taking. Also, commercial properties and non-owner occupied properties are not protected by Proposition 99.

Committee Member Kasten asked staff to report back with a position on Proposition 99 and 98.

6. Results of Feb. 1, 2008 – San Mateo County Legislative Forum

Ross Nakasone, County Manager's Office, spoke to the committee about the outcome of the San Mateo County Legislative Forum which identified several alternatives to state budget cuts:

- Administrative streamlining
- Cuts to programs
- New and Dedicated Revenues

The purpose of the meeting was to educate the legislative delegates about the impacts of the state budget cuts on local jurisdictions, to find alternatives to budget cuts, and allow the legislative delegates to update locals on issues at the state level.

Several members of the committee asked why they were not invited to the meeting. Staff's response was that there were a limited number of seats available and a very short time to locate participants. Ross also mentioned that there would be other opportunities as the county is planning to have other forums to discuss countywide issues as well as the state budget. Staff will provide updates to members of the committee so that they will have an opportunity to participate.

7. Establish date and time for next meeting.

- a. March 13, 2008 at 6:00 PM Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office unless otherwise announced.

8. Other Items/Comments from Guests

- None

9. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM